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JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT Encl. 2, 4, 5
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 7/12/83 (B)

Bureau has been requested to conduct investigation of Roussetot, who is being considered for a White House staff position. Born November 1, 1927, at Los Angeles, California, and resides at 327 E. Live Oak, San Gabriel, California, and 318 Wren's Way, Falls Church, Virginia. SF 86 and records release enclosed.

Washington Field will insure that at least 20 persons knowledgeable concerning appointee are interviewed.

Alexandria check CIA.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Boston, 6/20/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: Individuals interviewed were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and declined confidentiality.

Investigation at Belmont, Massachusetts, was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] Credit check was conducted by IA [REDACTED]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☐ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Office: Boston, Massachusetts

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June 29, 1983

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Field Office File #: 161B-6171

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Title:

JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment verified. Individual interviewed recommended.
Arrest checks negative. Credit check showed no record.

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DETAILS:EMPLOYMENT

On June 27, 1983, Thomas Hill, President, John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised that American Opinion is the official publication of the John Birch Society. Hill stated that John Harbin Rousselot served as a District Governor for six Western states with the John Birch Society, and as publisher of the American Opinion magazine from 1962 to July 1964. Hill advised that Rousselot also served as National Director of Public Relations, John Birch Society, from July, 1964 to May, 1967, when Rousselot left to return to political work.

Hill stated that Robert Welsh was Rousselot's Supervisor, but that Welsh is eighty-three years old and should not be contacted because of age and poor health. Hill also advised that no current employees would know Rousselot.

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Hill advised that he worked with Rousselot and recalls him to be very capable, especially in public relations. Rousselot's duties included issuing press releases, speaking and writing. Hill stated that Rousselot was very adept in all categories.

Hill stated that he would recommend Rousselot for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Hill advised that Rousselot maintained a California residence while serving in his capacity with American Opinion.

CREDIT

On June 28, 1983, [redacted] Credit Bureau Services, Inc., 6 St. James Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that their files contain no record with anyone identifiable as John Harbin Rousselot.

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ARREST

On June 27, 1983, [redacted] Belmont Police Department, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised their files contain no record with anyone identifiable as John Harbin Rousselot.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Richmond dated 6/20/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

Accomplishments Claimed ☒ None	Case Has Been:
	Pending Over One Year ☐ Yes ☒ No
	Pending Prosecution Over Six Months ☐ Yes ☒ No
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Field Office File #: 161B-R-1340

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Files of Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Va.,
negative re Rousselot.

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Details:

ARREST

On June 27, 1983, a computerized check of the files of
Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, failed to reflect
any information on file identifiable with Rousselot.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to WFO dated 6/20/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

On 6/29/83 a search of Springfield general indices and Elsur indices regarding applicant and close relatives negative. General indices search conducted by and Elsur indices searched by

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☐ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Title: JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: John Harbin Rousselot attended Principia College, Elsau, Illinois, from September, 1945 to June, 1949 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Applicant maintained a 4.555 average on a 8.0 (C+). Law enforcement agency records negative as to applicant.

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DETAILS:EDUCATION

The following information was acquired by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on June 29, 1983:

[REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Principia College, Elsau, Illinois, advised John Harbin Rousselot, date of birth (DOB) November 1, 1927, attended Principia College from September, 1945 through June 11, 1949 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Rousselot was ranked 88th out of a class of 95 and maintained a 4.555 average on a 8.0 scale (C+ average). [REDACTED] stated there was no record of Rousselot being on scholastic or disciplinary probation. [REDACTED] stated there were also no professors available who would recall Rousselot.

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The following information was acquired by SA [REDACTED] on June 29, 1983:

[REDACTED] Jersey County Sheriff's Office, Jerseyville, Illinois, advised a review of his records

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failed to disclose arrest record for John Harbon Rousselot,
DOB November 1, 1927.

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REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 7/6/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/27-29/83
TITLE OF CASE JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT		REPORT MADE BY SC 	TYPED BY b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to WFO, 6/20/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: BUDED: 7/12/83

No one contacted requested confidentiality under the provisions of the Privacy Act.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Title: JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Results of criminal checks set forth.

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DETAILS:CRIMINAL

On June 27, 1983, the computerized files of the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), Glen Burnie, Maryland, were reviewed and reflected no record of a Maryland driver's license or traffic violations regarding the appointee.

On June 29, 1983, SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the Maryland State Police (MSP), State Central Crime Records Bureau, Pikesville, Maryland, and it was determined that no record could be located regarding the appointee.

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JOHN HARBIN RUSSELOT; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED JULY 12, 1-83

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED JUNE 20, 1-83.

FOR INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, BUREAU HAS REQUESTED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED ON CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL. INVESTIGATION AT PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 625 SOUTH KINGSLEY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, REFLECT THAT THERE ARE NO RECORDS KEPT DATING BACK TO 1944, WHICH IS THE DATE THE APPLICANT LISTED ON HIS SF 86 AS HAVING JOINED THE WORK FORCE OF THAT COMPANY. AMY HOWARD, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSURANCE CARRIERS, ADVISED THE INFORMATION REGARDING PAST EMPLOYMENT IS KEPT AT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PHILADELPHIA AT 530 WALNUT STREET. SHE STATED THE TELETYPE

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PHILADELPHIA AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA: REVIEW
APPLICANT'S PERSONNEL FILE AND VERIFY EMPLOYMENT WITH PENN
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

THE INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED WAS ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NO CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED.

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JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: JULY 12, 1983

REFERENCE DIRECTOR AIRTEL DATED JUNE 20, 198.

A REVIEW OF THE APPLICANT'S SF-86 INDICATED TWO EMPLOYMENTS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. ONE EMPLOYMENT INDICATED IS FROM 1962 TO 1970, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA; AND FROM 1955 TO 1958, CONSULTANT, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES IS UNABLE TO VERIFY THESE EMPLOYMENTS DUE TO LACK OF PERTINENT INFORMATION.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, RECONTACT THE APPLICANT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION.

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JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: 7/12/83.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, 6/20/83.

INVESTIGATION AT WFO HAS DETERMINED THAT THE APPOINTEE'S

AND IS EMPLOYED
AT UNIQUE HOMES, 2443 EAST PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, CORONA DEL
MAR, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS. LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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JOHN HARBIN RUSSELOT; SPIN; BUDED: JULY 12, 1983 (B)

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO PHILADELPHIA, JULY 7, 1983.

PHILADELPHIA IS UNABLE TO COVER LEADS SET OUT IN RE TELETYPE Civil Rights & Spec Inq Sect

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Persons contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act.

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Title:

JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No arrest record located identifiable with appointee's

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA,
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ARREST CHECK

AT SONORA, TEXAS

The following individuals advised that files of their respective agencies contained no record of arrest identifiable with applicant's [REDACTED]

Brent Gesch, Chief of Police, Sonora Police Department.

[REDACTED] Sutton County Sheriff's
Office.

Above investigation conducted June 30, 1983.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JULY 12, 1983 (B).

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE! JUNE 20,
1983, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 7, 1983.

FOR INFORMATION OF SALT LAKE CITY, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF ROUSSELOT, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED
FOR A WHITE HOUSE STAFF POSITION. BORN NOVEMBER 1, 1927 AT
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND RESIDES AT 327 E LIVE OAK, SAN
GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, AND 318 WRENS WAY, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA.

INVESTIGATION AT WFO HAS DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING
REGARDING THE APPOINTEE'S ACTIVITIES AS A CONSULTANT:

1955-1958-CONSULTANT, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

APPOINTEE ADVISED THAT HE DID BUSINESS WITH A ARCHITECTURAL

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FIRM, NEPTUNE AND THOMAS, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. THE APPOINTEE
DEALT WITH [REDACTED] (BOTH NOW BELIEVED RETIRED)
AS WELL AS OTHER STAFF MEMBERS (NAMES NOT RECALLED).

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APPOINTEE ALSO DID BUSINESS WITH [REDACTED]

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Title: JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Prior and current employments at U.S. Congress and White House verified. Supervisors and associates are favorable and recommend. Prior employment at Federal Housing Administration (FHA) not verified as records only maintained for past six years. No record identifiable with appointee at FHA security and Inspector General's Office. Developed and listed references favorable and recommend. Checks at local police agencies and Secret Service provided no derogatory information.

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WHITE HOUSE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on July 6, 1983:

A search of the files of the Personnel Office, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President revealed the following information concerning John H. Rousselot:

7/7/44-6/30/45	Employed as a Special Delivery Messenger, United States Post Office, Pasadena, California.
6/11/58	Accepted appointment-indefinite, as an Information Officer (Special Assistant to the Commissioner), Public Information Section, Federal Housing Administration.
3/11/60	Resignation from this position.
1/3/61-1/2/63	Served as a Member of the United States House of Representatives.
6/30/70-1/2/83	Again served as a Member of the United States House of Representatives.
4/11/83	Presidential appointment (Commissioned) as a Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison.

The appointee remains in this position.

[REDACTED] the President for Public Liaison, advised that she has known the appointee in a general political sense for many years as a Republican speaker and a member of the House of Representatives. She is well aware of the fact that he is highly regarded by several mutual friends and will of her knowledge of his personal reputation as well. The appointee has been working under Whittlesey's supervision for several months here at the Office of Public Liaison and she is quite pleased with his work. She knows absolutely nothing negative concerning him professionally

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and would have no question about giving him access to sensitive or classified information.

[redacted] to the President for Public Liaison, advised that he has known the appointee as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for several years and has known him as a co-worker on this staff for several months. [redacted] described the appointee as "delightful". The appointee is a pleasant co-worker and is certainly a great asset to this office. [redacted] knows nothing negative concerning him and would have no hesitation recommending him for a position of confidence and trust. ✓

[redacted] Office of Public Liaison, advised that he has worked very closely for the appointee for the last three weeks or so. He described Rousselot as a very involved, deeply committed staff member. He is exceedingly loyal to this President and to the things for which President Reagan stands. Rousselot works incredibly long hours on the job and is certainly a very responsible, capable staff member. [redacted] would certainly recommend the appointee for a position of confidence and trust. ✓

[redacted] to Mr. Rousselot, advised she has known him on a general political basis for many years and has admired him greatly because of this. Since coming to work for him several weeks ago, she has only increased her admiration for him. [redacted] considers the appointee to be a totally loyal American and a real asset to this office. She knows nothing negative concerning him and would recommend him for a position of confidence and trust. ✓

John H. Rousselot advised SA [redacted] that

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United States House of Representatives -
Employment

The following interviews were conducted by Special Agent (SA) [] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Washington Field Office:

On June 30, 1983, [] Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms, Room H-124, United States Capitol, advised John Harbin Rousselot was a Member of the United States Congress as a Representative from the State of California from January 3, 1961 through January 2, 1963. Also, Rousselot was a Member of Congress during the second period of time commencing June 30, 1970 and ending January 2, 1983. [] said Rousselot was appointed June 30, 1970, to fulfill an unexpired Congressional term.

On July 6, 1983, [] Counsel for the Committee on Ways and Means, 1106 Longworth House Office Building, advised she has been professionally acquainted with former Congressman John Rousselot since the early 1970s. [] said she was professionally acquainted with former Congressman Rousselot before he was appointed on the Committee on Ways and Means.

[] said former Congressman Rousselot's professional affairs and activities have been in the open and subject to close scrutiny. [] is not aware of any derogatory information which would impact negatively on former Congressman Rousselot's integrity, ethics, or personal reputation. Former Congressman Rousselot is an individual of high principles and standards and is steadfast in his beliefs and commitments. Former Congressman Rousselot upheld the public trust as a Representative from the State of California, and his character, associations, and personal affairs are above question.

[] said she recommends former Congressman Rousselot for a position of trust and loyalty as a White House Staff Member.

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On July 6, 1983, []
[] for the Committee on Ways and Means, 1106 Longworth House Office Building, advised he has been professionally acquainted with former Congressman John Rousselot since 1970. Former Congressman Rousselot joined the Committee on Ways and Means in 1975, and [] had the opportunity to assess his contributions and work product.

[] said former Congressman Rousselot was a "fierce competitor," and he was "quick to speak his mind." Former Congressman Rousselot conducted his professional affairs in an honorable manner, and he was known for his honesty and integrity. Former Congressman Rousselot was consistent in his views and dependable in his activities.

Former Congressman Rousselot's reputation, character, associations, and loyalty are above question and upstanding in every manner. [] said nothing has come to his attention which would bring into question the proper conduct of former Congressman Rousselot as a Member of the United States House of Representatives.

[] said he recommends former Congressman Rousselot for a position of high trust and responsibility as a White House Staff employee.

On July 7, 1983, []
[] for Congressman Dan Marriott of the 2nd District of Utah, 1133 Longworth House Office Building, advised she has been professionally and socially acquainted with former Congressman John Rousselot from August, 1978 through the expiration of his term as his []
[] said former Congressman Rousselot is a most honorable man, who always held the public trust, and also was held in high regard by his staff. [] said, as a former member of Congressman Rousselot's Staff, he "never feared the headlines." [] elaborated by saying former Congressman Rousselot was not involved in any questionable activities or conduct which would be used against him by the media. Former Congressman Rousselot's affairs were completely

above approach. According to [] he enjoyed an admirable and upstanding reputation, character, associations, and trustworthiness. [] added by saying former Congressman Rousselot does not drink or smoke, inasmuch as he is a "Christian Scientist." [] said in social engagements and functions, former Congressman Rousselot's humor carried him through in all situations.

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[] said former Congressman Rousselot was a fair-minded and good "boss." He was diplomatic, patriotic, and a "true American." [] said she absolutely has no reason to doubt these characteristics today.

[] said many members of Congress honored former Congressman Rousselot on the last day of his term. This is but one example of admiration and respect extended to former Congressman Rousselot by his colleagues. [] said former Congressman Rousselot was an individual complete in his qualifications and unquestioned in his personal affairs.

[] said she remains in contact with former Congressman Rousselot and is familiar with his White House Staff position. [] said she highly recommends former Congressman Rousselot without the slightest reservation for a trusted, loyal, and responsible White House Staff position.

On July 7, 1983, [] to Congressman David Dreier, representing the 33rd District of California, 410 Cannon House Office Building, advised he was formerly a Legislative Assistant to former Congressman John Rousselot when [] was employed as his Legislative Assistant from 1979 through 1983. [] term of employment expired when former Congressman Rousselot's membership ended on January 2, 1983. [] said he has also been acquainted with former Congressman Rousselot in 1977 and 1978, through his political associations and experience in the State of California. ✓

[] said former Congressman Rousselot is a most trusted and respected individual. California constituents thought highly of former Congressman Rousselot and considered him a man of high integrity and ethics. Former Congressman Rousselot continues to have considerable support among the State Leaders and Civic Groups. Former Congressman Rousselot was an honorable member of Congress and maintained an exemplary reputation, character, associations, and personal conduct. [] said it should be noted that former Congressman Rousselot is a "Christian Scientist" and does not drink nor smoke.

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[] said former Congressman Rousselot is completely suited for high positions of trust in the United States Government and therefore is highly recommended to assume the responsibilities of a White House Staff employee.

On July 8, 1983, [] for the Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs, B371A Rayburn House Office Building, advised he was formerly on the personal staff of former Congressman Rousselot from January, 1973 through April, 1975. During this period of time, [] specialized on banking matters and represented former Congressman Rousselot on the Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs. [] remained with the Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs when former Congressman Rousselot was reappointed to the Committee on Ways and Means.

[] said he remained in professional and social contact with former Congressman Rousselot during the entire period of time and presently considers himself an associate and friend.

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[] said former Congressman Rousselot received a great deal of "bipartisan respect and admiration." [] said former Congressman Rousselot had a good reputation as a distinguished Member of Congress. Former Congressman Rousselot honored the public trust in him and maintained a high personal character and integrity. Former Congressman Rousselot maintained strong beliefs and was an active participant in issues supported by him.

[] said he is not aware of any derogatory information which would affect former Congressman Rousselot's personal and professional standing in the community and political field.

[] said he absolutely recommends former Congressman Rousselot for a trusted and loyal White House Staff position.

On July 11, 1983, Congressman Barber B. Conable, representing the 30th District of New York, 237 Cannon House Office Building, advised he has been personally and professionally acquainted with former Congressman John Rousselot for approximately sixteen years. ✓

Congressman Conable said former Congressman Rousselot is a "single-minded conservative, who, as a Member of Congress, was a cheerful combatant." Congressman Conable said he absolutely has no questions concerning former Congressman Rousselot's patriotism or loyalties.

Congressman Conable said he has had the chance to interact closely with former Congressman Rousselot on many occasions and recalls a trip associated with their duties to China. Congressman Conable said former Congressman Rousselot has always conducted his affairs in an honorable manner and maintains an upstanding reputation, character, and associations.

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Congressman Conable recommends former Congressman Rousselot from California to continue as a trusted and loyal White House Staff employee.

EMPLOYMENT

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) (HUD)
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

The following investigation concerning John Harbin Rousselot was conducted by SA [] on July 8, 1983:

Security and Inspector General's Offices

SA [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Security Office and the Inspector General's Office, FHA, and was advised by [] Security, that no record identifiable with the appointee could be located.

Personnel Department

SA [] [] Data Systems Specialist, FHA, advised SA [] that there is no record identifiable with the appointee in this office as records are only maintained from 1977, until the present.

REFERENCES

The following investigation concerning John Harbin Rousselot was conducted by SA [] on July 8, 1983:

[]
American Bankers Association
1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

[], was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional and social basis since 1979. He first met the appointee while working on the House of Representatives Banking Committee, and subsequently worked as an administrative assistant to the appointee during the period of April, 1981, through June, 1982. He described the appointee as the most decent person that he knows and who possesses integrity beyond reproach. [] stated that the appointee was a very capable Congressman and was well-respected by members of Congress and their staff. [] advised that the appointee is a devout Christian Scientist and therefore, does not use drugs nor use alcohol. [] further advised that the appointee associates with individuals of the highest calibre, many of whom are members of Congress. ✓

[] stated that he knows of nothing derogatory about the appointee. He believes the appointee is loyal to the United States Government and would highly recommend that he occupy a position of trust and confidence.

[]
Legislative Affairs
General Telephone and Electronics (GTE)
1777 North Kent Street
Arlington, Virginia

[], was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a close, personal and ✓

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professional basis for eight years. [] stated that the appointee is an outstanding individual and was an exceptional Congressman. [] further advised that the appointee was cited by the newspaper columnist, Jack Anderson, as being rated by his colleagues as one of the most popular and most capable members of Congress. The appointee associates with high calibre individuals, many of whom are members of Congress. The appointee is a Christian Scientist, therefore, he does not use drugs or alcohol. [] advised that the appointee is reliable, stable and possesses an even temperament.

[] knows of nothing that is derogatory about the appointee. He believes the appointee is loyal to the U.S. Government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

REFERENCE

The following investigation concerning the appointee, John Harbin Rousselot, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on July 12, 1983:

William French Smith
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
10th and Constitution, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

William French Smith was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee for approximately twenty years. He first became acquainted with the appointee through various political functions in the state of California in the late fifties and early sixties. Smith stated that the appointee possessed an impeccable reputation and was of the highest character. Smith stated that the appointee was a very capable congressman and was well thought of by his colleagues.

Smith advised he was unaware of the appointee's social associates and added that the appointee has not abused alcohol nor used drugs in his presence. Smith further advised that the appointee possessed an even temperament and had a reliable and stable personality.

Smith stated that he knew of nothing derogatory about the appointee and that he believed the appointee to be loyal to the United States. Smith advised that he could give the appointee his unqualified recommendation for a position of trust and confidence.

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The following interviews were conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on July 8, 1983:

Edwin Meese, III, Counsellor to the President, White House, advised that he has known Congressman John Rousselot on a personal and professional basis for approximately fifteen years. For the first ten years, they knew each other on a general, political basis, holding many of the same views. For the last few years, they have worked together much more closely and on more specific matters. In addition, he has had some social contact with the appointee since Rousselot came to the Washington, D.C. area. Meese advised that he has confidence in the appointee's professional ability and is certainly well aware of the fact that he enjoys a good personal reputation. Meese knows absolutely nothing negative concerning Rousselot and would have no hesitation recommending him for a position of confidence and trust. ✓

[REDACTED] White House, advised that she has known Congressman Rousselot since 1978, when she first went to work with him when he was a Congressman. She worked for him for about two years and has kept in touch with him since then. She noted that Rousselot is extremely loyal to President Reagan and has certainly been so for the time she has known him. He was a fine congressman and a very nice person to work for. She understands that he is doing a fine job as a White House staff member. She stated that she has never known him to misuse alcohol or drugs and knows nothing negative concerning him personally. She would recommend him without hesitation for a position of confidence and trust. ✓

United States House of Representatives -
Reference

On July 13, 1983, Congressman Trent Lott, representing the 5th District of Mississippi and the Minority Whip, 2400 Rayburn House Office Building, advised he has been personally acquainted with former Congressman John Rousselot for approximately fifteen years and professionally as a Member of Congress for approximately eleven years.

Congressman Lott said former Congressman Rousselot is a man of the "hightest moral character," and he has been an "outstanding Legislator." Former Congressman Rousselot has always been cooperative, forthcoming, candid, and completely honest. Also, according to Congressman Lott, former Congressman Rousselot continues to maintain an honorable reputation, character, and associations.

Congressman Lott said there is nothing in the background of former Congressman Rousselot, which would warrant any credible criticism or questions. Former Congressman Rousselot is a man of high personal standing, values, and integrity. Congressman Lott is aware that there was some former criticism concerning former Congressman Rousselot being a former Member of the "John Burch Society." Congressman Lott added, however, that this criticism has no bearing on former Congressman Rousselot's proven integrity and outstanding loyalty and trust.

Congressman Lott unequivocally recommends former Congressman Rousselot for a trusted, loyal, and responsible White House Staff position.

REFERENCE

The following investigation concerning John Harbin Rousselot was conducted by SA [] on July 11, 1983:

[]
Southern California Gas
1111 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. (WDC)

[] was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional and social basis since 1961, when the appointee was a first term congressman and [] was counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers. [] also had working relationships with the appointee during his second term in Congress and the appointee was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. [] described the appointee as a first class congressman who is a hardworking, trustworthy and honorable individual. The appointee was held in high regard by his colleagues in Congress, many of whom the appointee socialized with to his knowledge. The appointee does not abuse alcohol or use drugs. [] stated that the appointee is reliable and stable.

[] stated that he believes the appointee is loyal to the U.S. Government and that he would give him his unqualified recommendation for a position of trust and confidence.

POLICE AGENCIES AND SECRET SERVICE

The following record checks were conducted for the appointee.

On June 26, 1983, a query was made in the Washington Area Law Enforcement computer (WALES) and it was determined that no record was located for MPD concerning the appointee.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

On June 27, 1983, SC [] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee, John H. Rousselot.

On June 27, 1983, SC [], searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee, John H. Rousselot.

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on June 30, 1983, that no derogatory information was found concerning the appointee, John H. Rousselot.

No arrest checks were conducted on persons for whom complete dates of birth are missing.

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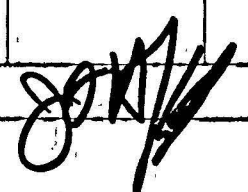
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JOHN HARBIN RUSSELOT

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment records of good employees are destroyed by Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company ten years after their employment ceases.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company,
Los Angeles, CA.

On July 13, 1983 Robert Hancock, Vice President, Human Resources, Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 530 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, advised employment records of former employees with good records are destroyed after ten years. He advised only those records of ex-employees with bad records are retained so that person will not be rehired by Penn Mutual. Therefore, appointee is eligible for rehire.

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Salt Lake City indices show several references to a John H. Rousselot under SU 100-9556, the control file for matters pertaining to the John Birch Society. This person appears to be identical with the subject of this inquiry and all references relate to Rousselot's activities as National Public Relations Director for the Society, as reported in newspaper articles covering speeches and press releases he has made in Utah and California from 1964 through 1967.

All individuals contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and none requested confidentiality.

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Synopsis: Interview of business acquaintance, [REDACTED]
highly recommended appointee.

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Details:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] at Salt Lake City, Utah:

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE

On July 14, 1983, [REDACTED] Quorum of Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (LDS) 47 East South Temple, stated he has known John H. Rousselot for over thirty years.

Mr. [REDACTED] related that prior to being appointed as Secretary of Agriculture under the Eisenhower Administration in 1952, he [REDACTED] was Secretary to the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, a national confederation of some 4600 farm marketing and purchasing cooperatives. In this capacity [REDACTED] consulted with Rousselot on several occasions regarding agricultural policies as they related to California. There were times while [REDACTED] was Secretary of Agriculture that he also sought advice from Rousselot, again on matters relating to California agriculture.

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[] described Rousselot as "a true friend of agriculture" upon whose judgment [] felt he could rely. Rousselot never charged Benson for his advice and their relationship was not, strictly speaking, a business one.

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Mr. [] characterized Rousselot, a former California Congressman, as "a solid individual who is politically conservative, of the highest integrity, totally loyal to true principles and a fine American in every respect." He added he knows of "no one who is acquainted with John Rousselot who doesn't speak highly of him". He added he has never known appointee to drink alcohol or use any kind of illegal drugs.

Although Mr. [] has not had any direct contact with Rousselot for a number of years, he frequently hears of him through mutual acquaintances. He felt the appointee to be qualified and competent to handle any high level government position, including one on the White House Staff. He offered the opinion that he was pleased to see someone of Rousselot's character and ability being considered for such a position.

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TO ALEXANDRIA, JULY 20, 1983.

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TO MAJOR CASE NUMBER 49 IN ALEXANDRIA DURING WEEK OF JULY 11, 1983,
DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO MAJOR CASE WAS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY
AND COMPLETION OF OTHER DOCUMENTATION WAS DELAYED. ALEXANDRIA
WILL SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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REPORTING OFFICE ALEXANDRIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 7/21/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/27/83 - 7/8/83
TITLE OF CASE JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT		REPORT MADE BY SA	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All individuals contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act, and those requesting confidentiality have been so noted.

LEADS:ALEXANDRIAAT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Will report results of agency check when available.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 7/25/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/12/83 - 7/20/83
TITLE OF CASE JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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REFERENCES: Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 7/7/83 and Washington Field teletype dated 7/12/83.

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August 3, 1983

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Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

In accordance with a request received from you on June 20, 1983, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. John Harbin Rousselot. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

Enclosures (2)

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Note: Since April, 1983, Mr. Rousselot has been employed by the White House as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison. Investigation is favorable and complete.

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JOHN HARBIN ROUSSELOT

Summary

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. ROUSSELOT COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

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Birth

Falls Church, Va
Mr. Rousselot was born on November 1, 1927, in Los Angeles, California.

Education

Mr. Rousselot attended Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois, from September, 1945, to June, 1949, receiving a B.A. degree.

Military Service

Mr. Rousselot indicated he has never served in the military.

Employment

July, 1949, to 1952

Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Pasadena, California, as an underwriter. This could not be verified as records have been destroyed and the whereabouts of former co-workers are unknown.

1952 to 1954

Foster and Kleiser Outdoor Advertising, Los Angeles, California, position not indicated. This could not be verified as records have been destroyed and the whereabouts of former co-workers are unknown.

1955 to 1958 and 1962 to 1970

Self-employed management consultant in San Gabriel and San Marina, California

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John Harbin Rousselot

June, 1958, to
March, 1960

Federal Housing Administration, Department
of Housing and Urban Development, Washington,
D. C., as an information officer

April, 1960, to
December, 1960

Campaigning in California for Congressional
office

January, 1961, to
January, 1963, and
June, 1970, to
January, 1983

United States Representative from California,
Washington, D. C.

1963 to
May, 1967

John Birch Society, Arcadia, California,
initially as District Governor, Western States,
and Editor of "American Opinion" magazine, and
subsequently as National Director of Public
Relations

January, 1983, to
April, 1983

Alcade, Henderson and O'Bannon, Rosslyn,
Virginia, as a partner

April, 1983, to
the present

The White House, Washington, D. C., as
Special Assistant to the President and
Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison

Family Status

Mr. Rousselot is married to the former Yvonne LeMasters,
who he has indicated is a United States citizen. They reside at
318 Wren's Way, Falls Church, Virginia.

Records of the Los Angeles, California, Superior Court,
indicate John H. Rousselot [redacted]
[redacted] on July 25, 1973. On July 25, 1974, the final judgment of
[redacted] was granted.

[redacted] advised her
[redacted] is competent and loyal. She said he enjoys a good
reputation and she recommended him for a position of trust.

Mr. Rousselot's parents, Harbin M. and Mary Givson Rousselot,
are deceased. In addition to his wife, Mr. Rousselot has listed the
following living close relatives:

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Based on the background information furnished by Mr. Rousselot, he has no close relatives residing in communist-controlled countries.

Interviews

Thirty-three persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, colleagues, present and former neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They advised Mr. Rousselot is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He was described as diplomatic, patriotic, honorable, capable, even tempered, and hardworking. All persons interviewed highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Rousselot.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Rousselot or his close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Rousselot:

Office of Personnel Management,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Department of Housing and Urban Development,
United States Secret Service,
and the White House Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division were checked by name only, and contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Rousselot.

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ROUSSELOT, JOHN HARBIN

Permanent Joint Board on Defense,
United States-Canada

*Appointment of John H. Rousselot as
Chairman of the U.S. Section.
November 22, 1985*

The President today announced his intention to appoint John H. Rousselot to be Chairman of the United States Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, United States-Canada. He will succeed Charles S. Gubser.

Since July 1985, Mr. Rousselot has been serving as chairman of the National Council of Savings Institutions. He was Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison in 1983. Prior to that time, he was a partner with the firm of Alcalde, Henderson & O'Ban-

non in Washington, DC. He served as United States Congressman from California in 1961-1962 and 1970-1983.

He is married, has six children, and resides in Falls Church, VA. He was born November 1, 1927, in Los Angeles, CA.

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